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Michigan Fruit Production 2018

The Michigan apple crop exceeded 1 billion pounds in 2018, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan apple production, at 1.05 billion pounds, was up 17 percent from the 2017 crop. The farm level value of utilized production was \$294.4 million. Michigan was the third largest apple producing State in the United States.

Michigan tart cherry production was 201 million pounds, up from 189.2 million pounds in 2017. The farm level value of utilized production was \$37.9 million. Michigan was the largest tart cherry producing State. The 2018 marketing year average price of \$0.191 per pound was the lowest since 2001.

Blueberry production in Michigan was 70.1 million pounds. Michigan growers harvested 19,700 acres in 2018. The farm level value of utilized production was \$70.2 million. Yields for early and mid-season varieties were average, while yields on later season varieties were very poor.

Fruit Acreage and Production – Michigan and United States: 2017-2018

Fruit	Michigan				United States			
	Bearing acres		Total production		Bearing acres		Total production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Apples	33,000	32,500	900.0	1,050.0	328,200	291,200	11,553.7	10,257.0
Tart cherries	26,500	26,500	189.2	201.0	35,300	35,200	259.5	298.3
Blueberries ¹	20,000	19,700	102.0	70.1	83,900	89,200	518.5	562.3
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>
Peaches	2,200	2,400	9.6	12.0	91,950	74,500	700.8	651.5

¹ Harvested acres.